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POETRY

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord make me an instrument of your Peace:
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love;
Where there is injury, Pardon;
Where there is doubt, Faith;
Where there is despair, Hope;
Where there s darkness, Light;
Where there is sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

—St. Francis of Assissi.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

This is the final test of a gentleman; His respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.

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And the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people.—Doctrine and Covenants 1: 14.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

THROUGH the door of 1941 into the fresh fields of 1942 we look, with, possibly, a little apprehension, born of memories recent and unpleasant. With the fortitude born of a sublime faith in Him who is all merciful, we must step out into the measure of time immediately ahead determined to live as He would have us.

Fundamentals Of Religion Applied

By Elder Richard R. Lyman
Of the Council of the Twelve

ADDRESS DELIVERED DURING THE 112th SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

Richard R. Lyman

THE lawyer said, "Master, which is the great commandment. And Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."—Matthew 22: 36-39.

The world's greatest need in this its most tragic and its most terrible hour is spiritual regeneration and applied religion. I appeal to you for serious consideration of those great fundamental religious ideals, those basic laws of God which from the beginning all good people have had a desire and an ambition to obey. Those who appreciate and really understand modern Christian civilization believe in being honest, they believe in being true, and they believe in doing good to all men.

Anciently it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Only the beast-like, those not endowed with that gift of reason and feeling with which man is endowed can practice such a revengeful and selfish teaching. The words of the Saviour are: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." And He adds: "Be ye perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."—Matthew 5: 38-48. This is real religion. Measured by this perfect standard which the Saviour laid down and in accordance with which He Himself lived, where will you and where will I be classified?

MAKE AN EFFORT

While the Gospel plan is perfect and we mortals may not be able to live that plan perfectly, we can make an effort in that direction, and the greater the effort, the more nearly perfect will be the result. What a glorious condition would prevail in the world if we could practice in high degree these teachings of real religion, the love of God and the brotherhood of man. What a glorious condition would prevail if no child anywhere were hungry, barefooted, or poorly clothed; if every child had a well-balanced diet, and a comfortable home in which to live with ample health and educational opportunities; if all who are able bodied could secure work so as to make it possible for them, by the sweat of the brow, to earn their living: if

those who are unable to work and earn could, with genuine willingness and love, be cared for in real comfort; then truly the conditions prevailing would be glorious.

We all need that genuine Christian spirit which not only acts so effectively as a spur to promote human happiness, comfort and welfare, but which reacts upon ourselves, stimulates our growth and development and encourages in us a general community spirit of co-operation and well doing. Man thus actuated will not only lead a better individual life, but he will help to build a stronger and a better nation.

Man was made to be free, to rule and to have dominion. And this does not mean a dominion to be gained by military power or by brute force, but by the power of love, unselfishness and understanding.

It is because some of the leaders of men today lack spirituality and proper adherence to religious ideals and standards that the whole world is filled with war and cries of war. Men may call out peace, peace, but there is no peace. The whole world, every nation therein, is preparing for war, or for so-called defence, at a rate and at a cost unknown and unheard of before even in man's wildest imagination. And all this has come about because of the selfishness, greed, envy, hate, ambition and the tyranny of some of the leaders of mankind. Nothing but spiritual regeneration, and a return to the religion of justice, fairness and love can remove from the world the causes of this mighty, this unparalleled conflict.

Let me ask you if the training given to our young people these days is providing a solution to the great problems with which our beloved country and all other nations are confronted? Was Agnes Bryson right when she said, "Crime is increasing, poverty is increasing, indecency is flaunting itself, dishonesty in private life and in public life in these days oftentimes causes but little comment," And she concludes, "We are riding drunkenly to a fall."

TREATED WITH CONTEMPT

You know that those moral and religious standards which civilized people have looked upon throughout the ages as well founded and as controlling principles are, in some quarters today, treated with disdain and with contempt. In many places cruel and merciless brute force has replaced reason and a feeling of fair dealing. The ruling agency of some leaders is violent and irrational emotion. **One civilized and free nation after another has been conquered by the use of force as devoid of reason as is that force the tiger uses when he devours a lamb.** We are seeing in these days how it may be possible for forces unguided by religion, morals or honour to conquer the world.

What some are calling a "New Order" follows the oldest order known. It is not unlike the practice of the powerful beast devouring its helpless prey. It is an order whose motives are prompted by envy, hatred and malice. It is an order that takes from man his freedom and makes it impossible for the individual, however righteous, trustworthy, talented, ambitious or competent, to work effectively, to rise and to make his con-

tribution to the good of mankind by rendering the highest human service of which he is capable. **This so-called new order is distinctly, yes, violently against the progress and welfare of the masses of the people. It would destroy the very foundations of free government.**

Compare such a condition with the spirit of real religion expressed in the scripture as "The love of Christ which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3: 10) "and the peace of God which passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4: 7).

UNITED IN PLEDGE

As an illustration of what has come into the world for lack of justice, honour and religion, we need only remember that it is but thirteen years since in the City of Paris the governments of nearly all the nations of the world united with their fellow governments in a pledge, covenant and treaty to renounce war and to proceed to the settlement of international differences and disputes by means of peaceful discussion and arbitration. The leaders of some nations, contrary to these their solemn and sacred pledges, began at once extensive preparations for war. **The democratic nations, taking it for granted that the other powers were honest and would keep faith, did little in the way of making military preparations and thus brought about the unfortunate situation which has led to the downfall of France and to the appalling attack that is now being made on Great Britain and its people.**

Is using force the wise way of proceeding to get even that which may be fairly and justly due? All truly civilized peoples around the world will unitedly answer, "No." Babson is probably right when he says, **"Anything gained today by holding a pistol at your neighbour's head will surely be lost tomorrow."**

MUST BE OVERCOME

What a sorry condition our world is in when in it there are nations whose promises and pledges are flagrantly and openly dishonoured! Such actions lead only to the making of new agreements whose terms contain provisions of ever-increasing severity and harshness. There appears to be no limit to the demands which some government officials make of their victims. Conditions today in many conquered countries are bad, but it appears they will continue to grow worse. The rights promised to the conquered people may, at any moment, be taken away because of the lack of integrity on the part of the conquerors. The plan seems to be to so lower the morale of these unfortunate ones as to make them positively helpless.

FIGHT OR ARBITRATE

The right to work, to earn and to save, and the right by the use of savings to increase productive power and thus to provide the ever-increasing number of human needs is a fundamental of our form of government which we must preserve. The liberty of which I speak and the Christian ideals which are its foundation will carry civilization forward swiftly generation after generation if we can but have the leadership of those who as

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Literary Contest Winners

OWING to the urgency of getting "copy" to the printer in time for early publication of our Christmas issue, it was found necessary to defer the announcement of the winning entries in our Story and Poem Competition until the present issue. Efforts came into the Office, centering around the suggested theme in a variety of ways. The adjudication proved unanimous however in selecting the Story presented below as the best, and for this Sister May Coleby of the Lowestoft Branch receives the first prize of a copy of "For This My Glory," by Paul Bailey. Second prize goes to Sister Eda Longbone of the Brighton Branch, and third prize goes to Sister Lillian Burton of the Birmingham District (serving at the present moment in the Mission Field). Sister Longbone receives a free "Star" Subscription for six months and Sister Lillian Burton will receive a special prize of a book in view of the fact that she is a Missionary and receives a "Star" free weekly.

Our Mission poets seemed to be a little behind schedule this year, for only two entries were made in this section. The poem of Sister Effie M. Bettridge was adjudged to be the best, for which she will receive a copy of Paul Bailey's book. Sister Gladys Quale receives a free "Star" Subscription for six months.

The "Star" congratulates the winners and desires to thank all who sent in stories. To the unsuccessful entrants we say, Remember the old adage: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."

STORY SECTION

"YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH . . ."

By Sister M. Coleby

RITSON came in from Christmas shopping. It had been hard work trying to get what she wanted, and this year, there was something decidedly missing from the delightful Christmas shopping of past years. This was her favourite season of the year. She loved everything about it: the spirit of giving and receiving, the decorations, getting the home prepared for the festivities; and most of all, Ritson loved the reason why Christmas was celebrated. The Story of the Nativity, the Saviour coming to earth, and all it means to mankind, was a wonder of which she never tired.

She was tired with her shopping, and glad to be home to rest, so, after putting her parcels away tidily, she sat by the fire and let her thoughts wander at will. They went back to the past, hovered in the present, and passed to the future.

Two years ago, Derek had come into her life,—Derek, the dreamer—the idealist, who had made the meaning of life sweeter still for her, and the future hold such great store. Derek was a lieutenant in the Army, and leave was infrequent and thus very, very precious.

Ritson had been made a Home Missionary in the Church she attended, but she felt that she was not very successful in the work. No one seemed very interested in the tracts she

distributed, and folks seemed too busy to have Gospel conversations.

She was a spiritual-minded girl, but somehow she felt a spirit of sadness, of discouragement; could it be doubt, creeping into her being? Did she really believe those things which were in those tracts? Was God as wise as we would think, and did He really care as much for His children as we wanted to think? There was so much doubt and trouble in the world. Thinking thus, Ritson fell asleep.

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The doorbell rang and Ritson answered it, to be given an official envelope by a messenger. A premonition of evil bade her not open the envelope, but very slowly she did so, to find . . . that Derek was killed in action." For a long moment the world went blank. Oh, how could she bear it? Why was it given to her to have to bear this burden—to have to face the future without Derek?

So her soul rebelled. God was not just. She had tried so hard to do her part in life, to help a little towards the promulgation of the Gospel, to live a clean, pure life.

Was it weeks, or days, or hours, or just minutes that went by, while Ritson struggled with this gripping problem of her life? Gradually the clouds dispersed from her soul and her mind "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." What were the Gospel teachings of her whole life? A comforting sense was stealing about her soul.

Why, Derek would always be hers; she knew the Gospel, the way could be clear for her to visit the Temple of the Lord, and be sealed to Derek for eternity. The Gospel, as she knew it, was to make men and women happy. "Men are that they might have joy." And was not the fact that she was able to be sealed to Derek a cause for joy. She was not left in life, without any hope of the future; but she would live her life here, that, when she met Derek, on the other side, they would both be ready to continue to progress, to advance, for she knew that the joys of this life, greatly increased and glorified, will be the joys there.

Her doubt in God had gone completely. He was all-wise, always mindful of His children. We were put upon this earth to learn life's lessons. She knew she had been faithful in her pre-existent state, and oh, how Ritson wanted to be faithful here, so that when she passed on from this sphere of action, she would pass on to the Celestial glory and, with Derek, find exaltation in her Father's Kingdom.

Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, came on earth, grew up in holiness, and gave His life a ransom for such as her. And she would give the rest of her life doing her part, more willingly than before, because of the goodness of God in providing a

Gospel which was so all-sufficient to meet all occasions in life.

So Ritson learnt her lesson: and because God loved her and wanted her to live her life in joy, and to fulfil the measure of her creation, she awoke. . . .

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The doorbell was ringing. A boy with a telegram awaited her, and, with eager anticipation she opened it, and read: "Christmas leave granted. Could we be married? All my love.—Derek."

Joy surged through Ritson as she realised she had been dreaming; but, stay, had she been dreaming, or was it not rather a manifestation given to her, because of the tiny doubts that were creeping upon her?

She reached the room again and sank down upon her knees, giving her soul in prayer. "Oh, Father in Heaven, help me to be worthy of my happiness, and, oh, I thank Thee for helping me to overcome my doubts and unworthiness, and make me worthy of the higher blessings this Christmas-tide."

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POETRY SECTION.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

Regretful, they said times had altered,
In that circle, on Christmas night,
But heeded not how the passing years
Bathe all memories in golden light.

How pleasant to sigh, and imagine
The life of our Lord and His birth,
When the musical voices of heavenly choirs
Sang rejoicings for men, here on earth.

Oh, Sweet byegone day, had I known thee,
And dwelt with our Lord among men,
Would I have been wiser and better than they?
Would I have believed in Him then?

Should "the good old days" oft you consider;
Those gems seeming never to last,
E'en in those golden times, please remember,
There were others who yearned for the past.

The shadowy past has departed,
The present is yours, hold it dear,
The substance is precious, look forward with faith,
Doing good in the day which is here.

—Sister E. M. Bettridge.

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

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EDITORIAL

Church Report Of The British Mission For 1941

WE are very happy to be able to submit the Annual Report of the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints estimated till the end of December, 1941.

Seventy-one Branches are today organized and functioning, presided over by the local Priesthood of the Church. During the past year, two Branches were re-opened, making the total number given. The attendance at the meetings has been very consistent and most encouraging in the present difficult conditions. The Priesthood of the Church, being unpaid Ministers of Religion, are engaged in secular occupations, earning their livelihood, and all spare evenings and Sundays are given by them to the Church. These brethren give of their time and means freely and purely for the love of the Gospel and for the testimony that they have of the divinity of this Church.

The Districts of the Church are similarly presided over by the Priesthood, who have done a marvellous work. Every Branch is visited at least once a month in most cases; Branch records are checked regularly and the major part of monthly reports come to the Mission Office on time. These brethren, too, must seek employment for the support of their families, and every spare moment is given to the service of the Church.

Almost without exception, meetings are being held in every Branch each Sunday. In addition, in some Districts, especially the Scottish, cottage meetings are held in the homes of Saints and investigators for preaching the Gospel and administering the sacrament.

At the end of 1940, the Auxiliaries of the British Mission were at a very low ebb, but through the year 1941, despite the shortage of officers and teachers, the Branches have re-opened the Auxiliaries, particularly conjoint Mutuals, Primaries and Genealogical organisations, showing great activity. The Sunday Schools of the British Mission have done exceptionally good work in the field of genealogical research. The Mission Office and the Book Store are being inundated with orders and queries regarding research and Temple work.

The full time Missionaries have done very splendid work. Scheduled to labour only four weeks in each Branch of the assigned District, their main task has been to visit the members, especially the inactive ones, encourage them to greater faithfulness, preach sermons in the Branches for four Sundays and then move on. In this way the Branches of the Mission

have been covered quickly within the first six months of 1941, and ever since all the districts, almost without exception, have had full time Missionaries.

Towards the end of 1941 the prospect of new full time Missionaries looked very poor. The releases due showed that our force would be very much depleted, and yet, as we go to press with this report, our new Missionaries who are coming in will more than equal the number for 1941. The most inspiring evidence is the fact that nearly half of our full time Missionaries are continuing their Missions, some over six months, some over twelve and eighteen months, and one staying over his two years. Some young Missionaries are beginning their Missions with the help of District and Branch funds and from individual sources. We are indeed blessed for the wonderful faith of our members. The work shall go on.

The development of the Missionary work in 1941 has been the calling up of the Home Missionaries. Up to the end of the year, 403 have been set apart. The majority of them are doing very effective work, in fact very splendid work, when we realise that most of them are on war work, having very little time to spare for themselves. And yet these faithful Saints, young and old, have been the salvation of some of the Branches. A fuller report of the Home Missionaries is forthcoming in a special issue of the "Star."

The Relief Societies of the British Mission are functioning regularly. Forty-six to fifty report every month. Taking at random, in the month of November 146 Relief Society meetings were held. Before Christmas, all poor in the Branches, so far as we know, were taken care of. Our Sisters are an inspiration to us. They are preparing now for the Relief Society Centenary Celebrations and they shall lift their voices, old and young, in commemoration of a hundred years of our wonderful Women's Relief Society of the Church. We shall plant Centennial Trees, we shall raise our membership and leave a permanent record worthy of the Saints of the British Mission.

The Baptisms are not as of former years, but, nevertheless, the efforts of our Missionaries and members are manifest.

Blessings of children, Ordinations in the Priesthood, Marriages, by comparison with former years and the present circumstances, are very satisfactory.

Finally, a word about the British Mission as a whole. For the second year the Mission Presidency have returned to the Saints the major part of the tithes received for the maintenance of the Church in this country. For the second year the faithfulness of the Saints makes our Mission SELF-SUPPORTING. With very few exceptions, and then only occasionally, do the Branches send for financial assistance; the majority are self-supporting and even have a surplus.

Because of our faithfulness the Lord has been good to us in our baskets, our health and our safety. We live to testify of goodness and mercy of His love and blessings. May the year 1942 manifest even to a greater extent the practical, living faith of every true Latter-day Saint. —ANDRE K. ANASTASIOU.

Annual Church Report Of The British Mission Financial And Statistical For The Year 1941

IT has been deemed advisable to publish the financial and statistical infomation relating to the British Mission for the year 1941.

Under the direction of the Trustee-in-Trust, of the Church, there has been returned to the Saints, from the Tithes, for the maintenance and operation of Districts and Branches, for Charity and Mission activities £5,382 2 5

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

British Mission (only) as at January 1st, 1941	6,152
Converts and Children Baptized by December 31st, 1941 ..	60
Children of Members blessed during 1941	42
Died during 1941	32
Members Married by Mission Authorities during year	14
Members Married by Civil Authorities during the year	22
Members Married to non-members during the year	25
Number of full time Missionaries, December 31st, 1941	31
Number of full time Missionaries released during the year..	23
Number of Home Missionaries, December 31st, 1941	403
Number of Branches in the British Mission..	71
Number of Districts	14
Branches with Hall for meetings	69
Cottage Meetings held	29
M.I.A. Conjoint Organizations	29
Sunday School Organizations	53
Primary Organizations functioning	15
Genealogical Organizations	16
Relief Societies functioning	46

EXPENDED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FULL TIME MISSIONARIES

Collected from Districts and Branches and paid to Missionaries, estimated at £936 0 0

Average cost per Missionary, 1941, £1:10:0 per week, or a total of £78 per year per Missionary. Number maintained in the Field during the year 30, making a total expense for the year £2,340 0 0

Estimated possible earnings per Missionary (male and female) £150 per year, multiplied by 30, making the approximate total that these Missionaries might have earned if at home.. £4,500 0 0

Total estimated contribution of Missionaries and their families and from the Branches £7,776 0 0

REPORT OF FULL TIME MISSIONARIES FOR THE YEAR.

Families of Investigators visited	1,189
Gospel Conversations	8,081
Tracts, Pamphlets and other Church Literature distributed ..	48,000
Meetings held	792
Average hour per day per Missionary	7

For the second year the British Mission has been self-supporting. Every Branch and District is under the direction of the local Priesthood. All known poverty, distress and want have been taken care of. All Church property, although damaged in some cases through enemy action, is in usable condition and in fairly good state of repair, with only one exception.

Gift From The First Presidency Of The Church

(Correspondence received and replies sent)

Copy: From the First Presidency to Elder A. K. Anastasiou.

Elder A. K. Anastasiou,
Acting Mission President,
British Mission.

Subject: **Proposal to seek Contributions for British War Relief.**

Dear Brother,

On August 12th, 1941, we received from you a letter dated July 31st, with reference to above entitled matter. Careful consideration has been given to this subject.

It would seem impractical to undertake a general solicitation or appeal to our Church membership. We are, however, in complete sympathy with the proposal to aid the British subjects who are suffering from the ravages of war.

We have appropriated the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be used for the relief of those who are believed to be in greatest need. One half of this sum is to be remitted to His Excellency the Lord Mayor of London, to be distributed in accordance with his judgment and discretion, while the other half is to be administered by the British Mission under your direction for the relief of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England.

Accordingly, we are enclosing herewith two International Exchange Agency checks numbered 56034 and 56035 respectively, each for the sum of Six Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Sterling, drawn on the National Provincial Bank, London, one in favour of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, the other in your favour as acting President of the British Mission. Will you kindly deliver the former cheque to Lord Mayor Wilkinson.

Enclosed herewith is a note addressed to the Lord Mayor which may accompany the cheque.

Ever prayerful for your safety and well-being, we are,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)
HEBER J. GRANT.
J. REUBEN CLARK, Jr.
DAVID O. McKAY.

The First Presidency.

Copy: Reply from the Acting President of the British Mission:

16th December, 1941.

President Heber J. Grant,
44, E. South Temple Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.
Dear President Grant,

We have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of October 31st, 1941, enclosing a cheque for £616. for the relief of members of the Church in Great Britain, who have suffered in the air raids, and similarly a cheque to the Lord Mayor of London for the equal amount as a contribution towards the National Air Raid Distress Fund.

Your gift is very welcome indeed, and we wish to express our very sincere appreciation for your practical help towards those who may be in need of assistance now or in the future.

We are happy to say that those of our Church members who have suffered in the air raids in this country have been rehabilitated and, as far as we know, are not suffering from any distress or want. We have formerly enquired, through the District President, about each case. How-

ever, since your "Christmas gift" has been received, we will again ascertain the conditions of our members, and will use the funds now available with due care.

As desired in your letter of the same date, I have delivered your cheque No. 56304 personally to the present Lord Mayor of London, Sir John Laurie, who is the successor to Sir Geo. Wilkinson. Sir John was very grateful to receive your gift, and asked me to express to the First Presidency his very sincere thanks.

I was introduced to his Private Secretary, Mr. Brissenden. I expressed to these gentlemen our Church activities in America and in this country. They were very interested to learn about the work of our Relief Society, and the assistance given by the Relief Society to the American Government at the end of the last war. Our Church Welfare Plan was also explained to them.

Again appreciating your very kind thought,

We remain,

Sincerely your brethren,

for The British Mission Presidency,

(Signed) A. K. ANASTASIOU,

Acting Mission President.

Copy: From the First Presidency to the Lord Mayor of London:

His Excellency the Lord Mayor of London.

Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

It affords us pleasure to hand you herewith International Exchange cheque No. 56304 (payment being advised through American Express) as a contribution to the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

A like amount has been forwarded to the acting President of the British Mission for the relief of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)
HEBER J. GRANT.
J. REUBEN CLARK, Jr.
DAVID O' McKAY,

The First Presidency.

The Right Honourable Geo. Wilkinson,
Lord Mayor of London,
London, England.

Copy: Letter received from the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John H. Laurie (successor to Sir George Wilkinson):

Dear Sirs,

I have received through the London Representative of your Church a cheque for £616, being your generous contribution to the National Air Raid Distress Fund.

In sending you the enclosed formal receipt, No. 81731, I should like to convey to all associated with this gift my very deep appreciation of their sympathy with those who are suffering so severely as the result of enemy air attacks.

Such practical help encourages us to endure until the day of final victory.

Yours truly,

(Signed) JOHN H. LAURIE.

Lord Mayor.

The First Presidency,
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Salt Lake City,
Utah, America.

For The Young Folk

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

KING NINETEEN FORTY-ONE has been with us for a whole year now, and is quite an old friend. No doubt he could tell us many things about ourselves, some very pleasant, and some not so pleasant. He could tell us of the days when we were very good, but he would also know of the days when we were not so good.

Even the best of friends must part, and King Nineteen Forty-one is on his way to join the long procession of years which have gone before him. His place has been taken by King Nineteen Forty-two, who will be just as great a friend to us if we will let him. Let us think of some things we would like to do this year as a special tribute to our new friend. We could be early for school every day, help mother more, be neater and tidier in our dress and personal habits, or do a hundred and one things to make ourselves just a teeny bit better than we were last year.

Have you ever kept a diary? You know the New Year is just the time to start one. A diary is a little book which is entirely yours. Each day you write within its pages the things you have accomplished, little things you have learned, and points you wish to remember. A diary costs very little to buy, and seems a very small thing now, but in a few years, filled with an account of your daily life for the whole of the coming year, it will be worth a great deal to you. Memory is a wonderful thing, but, alas, in time, it fails us, and we forget the very things which made our lives worth while. A diary keeps safe for us all those little memories which otherwise we would lose; that is why it is so valuable, and its value becomes even greater as the years go by. One word of warning, though. Hundreds and hundreds of people begin diaries at the beginning of every year, but very few of them keep their diary faithfully right to the last day of the old year. Come along, now! Don't be a slacker! Let us see what a lovely diary you can complete in the reign of King Nineteen Forty-two.

E. M. B.

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Verdant Spring and rosy Summer,
Golden Autumn, all are past;
O'er the face of nature frowning,
Lonely Winter comes at last;
Yet she brings us many pleasures,
Many scenes of festive cheer;
Now with joy our hearts are glowing,
While we hail the bright new year.

Though the forest shades are silent,
And the birds have flown away,
We can warble sweetest music,
We can sing as light as they.
Happy season, happy greeting!
Friends and kindred far and near,
Take our best and kindest wishes,
While we hail the bright new year.

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THE YEAR 1942

THE British Mission Presidency in harmony of purpose, action and unity with the District and Branch Presidencies, look forward to the coming days and months of the New Year with faith, courage and determination, wherein the work of building the Church in this country may be carried on with greater zeal. The backbone of the British Mission are the faithful Saints, carrying a heavy load of responsibilities in various offices. These faithful, devoted, uncomplaining Saints are the "salt of the earth." From the Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ in 1830, there has always been a group of such Saints who, whatever may come, whatever happens around and about them, CARRY ON. We sincerely hope you, our reader, are one of them.

Home Missionaries, we look forward to you to do your share and play the game. We promise you again that inasmuch as you have received this sacred appointment and have undertaken to fulfil your tasks with love, faith and devotion, and in the spirit of humility and obedience, you shall receive a crown of eternal glory for your sacrifices of time, effort and means.

ZEAL, CONSIDERATION, SELFLESSNESS

ZEAL. The zealous Missionary accomplishes most in the cause of the Lord; it is necessary that all of your interests be centred in your work. But the over-zealous Missionary is likely to be as offensive as the high pressure salesman. Individuals cannot be driven into the Gospel. They must be led tactfully and graciously. Guard against forcing your message. Converts are first friends.

CONSIDERATION. Consideration for the feelings, beliefs and habits of others is an integral part of the beloved personality. Love for another comes of understanding. Most people are absolutely sincere in the beliefs by which they guide their lives. If those beliefs are wrong in the light of the Gospel teaching, do not condemn. Try first to understand, then the way may be opened for teaching the truth.

SELFLESSNESS. Closely related to consideration of others is the spirit of selflessness. Missionaries are shepherds to the flock, and only in forgetting themselves and looking after the interests of others will they grow in enthusiasm for the work. There is no field of labour in the world where the joy that comes of giving is so rich as in Missionary service.

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BIRTHS.

LESLIE—A baby girl was born to Sister and Brother Leslie of the Glasgow Branch on December 13th. Sister Leslie is the oldest daughter of Brother and Sister Buchanan of Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

DYSON—A son was born to Sister Lilian and Brother Samuel W. Dyson of the Sparkbrook Branch, Birmingham District, on November 11th. At the Home Missionary Convention, December 14th, he was blessed by his father and given the names Arnold John Dyson.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President Andre K. Anastasiou

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

AT this time of the year, more than any other, we think of parents, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, sweethearts and friends. A Christmas Card or a New Year's message, carefully chosen to express one's thoughts and greetings, is affectionately signed and sent on its way. We all are happy to receive greetings, to hold the card in our hands and contemplate all that is means to us before we put it on the mantlepiece to adorn the room and to remind us of its presence.

The members of our Pen Friendship League take this opportunity to express to each other affectionate Season's Greetings and to wish the League and all that it stands for A GREAT SUCCESS IN THE COMING YEAR !

Already many lonely hearts have been cheered, many have received encouragement to press on in the fight for right. More than one friendship has been started between L.D.S. members who have not yet met each other.

We who encourage true friendship, sincere understanding, sensible and pure relationship (according to one of our Articles of Faith—We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous)), look hopefully to our youth of the Church to achieve the righteous desires of their hearts in accordance with the teachings of the Restored Gospel.

Friends of the League, on the threshold of the New Year, we pray for you. We Cherish in our hearts a sincere desire for your happiness, health and success, and we wish to assure you that your individual problems, as much as they come within the scope of our faith, mutual relationship, work, play and achievement, are indeed our problems. Have courage, have faith in yourself and in the promises you have received from the Priesthood of the Church.

And here are more letters:

"Please put my name on the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League list"—531625 L.A.C. E. Beattie, c/o British Mission H.Q., 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

"On seeing your Pen Friendship League in the 'Star,' I would like to join it. I have been an L.D.S. all my life and have always cherished the hope of preaching the Gospel."—Gnr. George Turner (one of our Canadian members), c/o British Mission H.Q., 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUTH OF THE CHURCH—
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

FUNDAMENTALS OF RELIGION APPLIED

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leaders are the most competent and the most righteous. Progress and development depend upon the ability, the capability for achievement and the high moral and religious standards of those who lead.

Need I ask you or people generally which is right and righteous, which is wise, which conforms to the methods of modern education and civilization—to fight or to arbitrate. One is the method of force, the other the method of intelligence and reason; one the method of the brainless beast, the other the method of man who is created in the image of God.

Our own Church is a well-nigh perfect example of true democracy. Our bishops, our stake presidents, other ward and stake officials, the General Authorities of the Church, and our missionaries may come from any or all of the various walks of life. No one in the Church occupies a place so humble that he cannot find ample opportunity somewhere in this organization to exercise his leadership if he has a good character and if by nature he has been blessed with unusual ability to lead.

DUTY OF OFFICIALS

And it is not only the right but the duty of the officials in the Church to use the ability and intelligence the Creator has given them. These leaders are expected when matters are being discussed to express their own personal views fully and completely. But when a majority of any Church group has reached a decision, that decision becomes the decision of the whole group and all are expected to sustain that decision whether or not it agrees with their original views. Our Church people realize that in unity there is strength and that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

Let us therefore forever unite in our prayers and in our efforts to preserve that great principle of "freedom and justice for all" for which our forefathers so nobly fought, so freely bled and in many cases gave their lives so gloriously on the field of honour. Let us stand for and practice that dependability which Dr. Thomas Nixon Carver calls the greatest modern saving device. Let us be honest, let us be true, let us try to be unselfish and struggle always to do good to all men. According to the standard set for the Boy Scouts, let us do our daily good turn, let us help other people at all times, and may we, by thus practising the teachings of real religion acquire truly a genuine spiritual regeneration and know and feel in our hearts that love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that peace of God which passeth all understanding, I humbly pray.

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AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR . . . . . .

They were discussing New Year Resolutions:

"Last year," said Smith, "my brother resolved to give up smoking and drinking, live a regular sort of life, cease to squander money on futile luxuries, and live in a larger house."

"And did he do it all?" asked Jones.

"Yes, easily," replied Smith. "On January 1st he was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment."

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